

## **Exhibit 42**

1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 In Re:

4 LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC.,

5 et al.,

6 Debtors.

7 Chapter 11

CASE NO.: 08-13555(JMP)

8 (Jointly Administered)

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11 New York, New York

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2 were being instructed as a barrister; is that  
3 correct?

4 A. Well, I'm still being instructed as  
5 a barrister, but was instructed as an advocate  
6 to fight at the case and advise on the case on  
7 behalf of the client, but not as an expert.

8 Q. Thank you.

9 Do you know Laurence Rabinowitz?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you believe he is a  
12 well-respected commercial lawyer?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. In fact, he is very highly regarded  
15 in England as a commercial lawyer; is that  
16 correct?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What were you given in connection  
19 with drafting your first declaration in this  
20 case?

21 MR. ISAKOFF: I'm going to object to  
22 that. That's outside the scope of  
23 discovery.

24 MR. DE LEEUW: You're not allowing  
25 him to answer?

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2 is a real ambiguity. And, secondly, the  
3 circumstances in which the document is put  
4 forward.

5 Q. Thank you. You would agree it's not  
6 a rigid rule. It's one aid in construction,  
7 according to you; is that fair?

8 A. It is an aid to construction.

9 Q. And --

10 A. It's more than just an aid. It's a  
11 principle of construction.

12 Q. But it's a principle of construction  
13 that's only -- that only comes into play when a  
14 court is unable to decide which of two meanings  
15 is the right one; isn't that correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 (Exhibit 117, Portions of Textbook  
18 Entitled The Interpretation of Contracts  
19 by Sir Kim Lewison, marked for  
20 identification.)

21 Q. I'm going to hand to you what's  
22 being marked as Exhibit 117. It's entitled The  
23 Interpretation of Contracts by Sir Kim Lewison.

24 A. Lewison.

25 Q. Lewison. Thank you.

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2 agreements?

3 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

4 Could I have that question read  
5 back, please?

6 (Record read.)

7 MR. ISAKOFF: Objection stands,  
8 "decision."

9 Go ahead.

10 Q. I will rephrase it.

11 Mr. Millett, do you disagree with  
12 the judge's statement in the CDV Software case  
13 that the contra proferentem principle is of  
14 uncertain application and little utility in the  
15 context of commercially negotiated agreements?

16 A. Well, there are three elements to  
17 that sentence if one is going to analyze it  
18 closely.

19 The first is the question of whether  
20 the principle is of uncertain application,  
21 generally, or whether she means that it's of  
22 uncertain application in the context of  
23 commercially negotiated agreements.

24 I regard that sentence, I'm afraid,  
25 to the naked eye, as a little difficult to

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2 construe. I don't know whether her reference  
3 to the context of commercially negotiated  
4 agreements covers both uncertain application  
5 and little utility. I find that a little  
6 difficult to break down, but I would not -- I  
7 don't think that the rule is of such uncertain  
8 application that judges don't know when to use  
9 it, when they think it's right to do so. They  
10 do. It's routinely used.

11 So, although you can certainly say,  
12 as Sir Kim does, that it's difficult to predict  
13 easily the cases in which the court will find  
14 the maxim a useful tool, which I agreed with  
15 earlier, and if that is what she means by  
16 uncertain application, then I would agree.

17 The question of little utility is a  
18 hard one to apply. It may be of some utility,  
19 it may be of great utility, it may be of no  
20 utility in the context of commercially  
21 negotiated agreements.

22 What I read, however, the learned  
23 judge is saying in that case is, that where  
24 both parties, under equal bargaining power,  
25 have sat opposite each other and thrashed out

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2 by commercial negotiation the terms of the  
3 contract, then, as a general proposition, there  
4 is less rather than more room for the  
5 application of the principle.

6 Q. You mentioned that the contra  
7 proferentem principle is routinely used.

8 Is it routinely used in the context  
9 of commercially negotiated agreements?

10 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

11 A. That depends on the facts of each  
12 individual case.

13 Q. Would it be fair to say that when  
14 you have sophisticated parties that are able to  
15 negotiate a commercial agreement, the contra  
16 proferentem rule takes on less significance?

17 A. I think that's putting it too  
18 broadly.

19 Q. Have you ever heard anyone say that?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You have never seen references to  
22 the contra proferentem principle taking on less  
23 significance in commercially negotiated  
24 agreements either in textbooks or decisions?

25 A. Well, it depends what you mean by

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2 commercially negotiated. If they are  
3 commercial agreements negotiated between  
4 businessmen, where both parties have had the  
5 opportunity to negotiate and discuss each term,  
6 then -- then that is a reason why the court may  
7 refuse to use the principle as a guide to  
8 interpreting the contract.

9 It's a legitimate reason not to do  
10 so, but I don't --

11 Q. Do you --

12 MR. ISAKOFF: He is not finished  
13 speaking.

14 A. I haven't finished.

15 Q. I apologize. I thought you had  
16 finished.

17 A. No.

18 But it is not a hard and fast rule.  
19 We don't do tick box like that, and it depends  
20 on each case.

21 Q. Is it your view that Lehman Brothers  
22 Holdings Inc. was a sophisticated party?

23 A. I have no idea.

24 Q. You don't know?

25 A. Well, they weren't so sophisticated



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2 to avoid going spectacularly bust.

3 Q. Would you agree with me that, in  
4 2003, when Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. signed  
5 as a party to the lease with Canary Wharf, they  
6 were considered to be a highly sophisticated  
7 party?

8 A. I don't know. I can't say. I don't  
9 know.

10 Q. Would you agree with me that Lehman  
11 Brothers Holdings Inc. was, at that time, one  
12 of the largest companies in the world?

13 A. It's possible. By what measure, I  
14 don't know. I don't know anything about how  
15 big Lehman was or who was there or how  
16 sophisticated they were in 2005.

17 Q. Are you aware that Lehman Brothers  
18 Holdings Inc. was one of the largest investment  
19 banks in the world as of 2003?

20 A. I'm aware that that's what people  
21 have said about it. 2003?

22 Q. 2003, correct.

23 A. Right. I don't know.

24 Q. You are not basing your opinion in  
25 any way on whether Lehman Brothers Holdings

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2 Inc. was a sophisticated or unsophisticated  
3 party as of 2003?

4 A. No. I think that's fair.

5 Q. Do you base your opinion on any  
6 evidence whatsoever about the commercial  
7 context in which Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.  
8 and Canary Wharf negotiated?

9 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

10 Q. The lease and Schedule 4.

11 A. No. Other than what I read in the  
12 transcripts.

13 Q. Is there anything in those  
14 transcripts that you are relying on in reaching  
15 your opinion in this case about the commercial  
16 context of the lease and Schedule 4?

17 A. Yes. As I referred to in paragraph  
18 ten, it was Sir George Iacobescu's evidence  
19 that it was the landlord who put forward  
20 Schedule 4 to the lease.

21 Q. Other than that testimony that  
22 Mr. Iacobescu, Sir George Iacobescu testified  
23 that the landlord put forward the schedule to  
24 the lease, are you relying on any other  
25 evidence of the commercial context of the lease

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2 (Record read.)

3 A. No, that's not correct.

4 Q. Well, you saw in the record that  
5 there's some references to people using the  
6 term "guarantee" in depositions and in e-mails.

7 Do you recall that?

8 A. No, I don't think I recall it in  
9 e-mails. In e-mails? I don't know.

10 Q. Are you putting any reliance in this  
11 case on the references by any of the parties  
12 after the fact to Schedule 4 as an indemnity or  
13 a guarantee?

14 A. In forming my opinions, I don't rely  
15 on the labels, not least because I believe that  
16 the lease says you are not allowed to, but in  
17 addressing Mr. Rabinowitz's opinion, because he  
18 was interested in the labels, I offered an  
19 opinion about them.

20 Q. I'm also just referring to whether  
21 people, in discussions or in e-mails, would  
22 refer to Schedule 4 in its entirety as a  
23 guarantee or an indemnity.

24 Are you relying on any such  
25 reference in forming your opinions in this

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2 case?

3 MR. ISAKOFF: Objection.

4 A. I'm not sure I see -- I don't know  
5 what documents you are talking about, and I  
6 don't think I have seen any.

7 Q. So you are not relying on anything  
8 like that?

9 A. Anything extraneous to the document?

10 Q. Correct.

11 A. I don't believe so.

12 Q. You agree with Sir William  
13 Blackburne that people often use the term  
14 "guarantee" loosely to describe an indemnity,  
15 correct?

16 MR. ISAKOFF: Can I have that  
17 question read back, please?

18 (Record read.)

19 MR. ISAKOFF: Objection,  
20 mischaracterizes what the opinion says.

21 A. The words that Sir William uses at  
22 paragraph 22, at letter J, are -- is it is not  
23 unusual. He doesn't use the word "often." I  
24 think there's a difference.

25 And I agree with what Sir William

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2 says when he says it is not unusual to find the  
3 term "guarantee" used loosely to describe what  
4 is, in reality, an indemnity.

5 I would add, as I think I did, that  
6 it is also not unusual to find the word  
7 "surety" used to describe somebody who is, in  
8 reality, a guarantor. Indeed, I think our book  
9 does that.

10 Q. I was going to just ask you about  
11 your book.

12 In fact, your book refers to the law  
13 of guarantees. That's the title of the book,  
14 correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You didn't mean to exclude the law  
17 of indemnities, did you?

18 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

19 A. Well, I'm afraid I don't have,  
20 because of my -- size of my briefcase, my  
21 publication in its entirety with me.

22 MR. ISAKOFF: I happen to have it.

23 A. That's a broad question.

24 From recollection, and I'm fairly  
25 familiar with it, of course, it is not a book

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2 about indemnities. It's a book about  
3 guarantees. Although, of course, inevitably,  
4 chapter one contains an analysis and discussion  
5 of the differences between them.

6 So there are -- as does the chapter  
7 on the statute of frauds.

8 Q. So there's a discussion in your book  
9 about the law on indemnities as well, correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You would agree that the right way  
12 to determine whether a contract is a contract  
13 of indemnity or a guarantee is to analyze the  
14 context of the contract and the words used in  
15 the contract, correct?

16 A. Yes. Could you just repeat the  
17 first part of that question?

18 Q. Sure. You would agree that, in  
19 determining whether a contract is an indemnity  
20 or a guarantee, you should analyze the context  
21 of the contract and the words used in the  
22 contract, correct?

23 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

24 A. Yes, I think so.

25 Q. Is it also true that, ultimately,

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So, even if the court were to  
4 determine that there was a material variation  
5 in schedule -- to Schedule 4, if it also  
6 determined that Schedule 4 was a contract of an  
7 indemnity, that would not discharge the  
8 obligations of the surety, correct?

9 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

10 A. I will answer it this way. If the  
11 court were to determine that Schedule 4  
12 comprised an indemnity agreement, and not a  
13 guarantee, then the rule in Holme and Brunskill  
14 would have no application.

15 Q. Let me ask you to turn back to the  
16 Vossloh decision, which is Exhibit 103.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. If I could ask you to turn to  
19 paragraph 24 on page 312.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you see the discussion there  
22 begins the discussion of how to distinguish  
23 contract of guarantee to a contract of  
24 indemnity; is that true?

25 A. Can I just read the paragraph?

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2 Q. Do you agree that?

3 A. Yes. Interestingly, just picking  
4 up, he says, at the end, which actually harks  
5 back to a point I made before, "It is this  
6 feature which leads to the person giving the  
7 indemnity to be described as a surety,  
8 although, strictly, the contract of indemnity  
9 cannot, itself, be a contract of suretyship."

10 MR. ISAKOFF: She couldn't take it  
11 down that fast.

12 A. I'm so sorry.

13 The words he uses, "It is this  
14 feature which leads to the person giving the  
15 indemnity to be described as a 'surety,'  
16 although, strictly, the contract of indemnity  
17 cannot itself be a contract of suretyship."

18 That is really what I was referring  
19 to earlier when I was referring to the word  
20 "suretyship" and its use.

21 Q. Do you agree with Sir William  
22 Blackburne's conclusion in the Vossloh decision  
23 that an essential feature of an indemnity is  
24 that the indemnitor has a primary liability?

25 A. Yes.



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2 Q. And what is a primary liability?

3 A. He is liable for the performance of  
4 the obligation in question, regardless of  
5 whether somebody else is liable or not.

6 Q. And that's also referred to as a  
7 primary obligation; is that correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And would you agree that the  
10 distinction between a primary obligation and a  
11 secondary obligation is critical to determining  
12 whether a contract is one of indemnity or  
13 guarantee?

14 A. Can I just back -- go back a little  
15 bit? I may have skated over perhaps what could  
16 be a subtle difference.

17 We speak of obligations. We speak  
18 of liabilities. In reality, what happens is  
19 that parties assume obligations. They don't  
20 necessarily assume liabilities. They assume  
21 liabilities for the performance of that  
22 obligation, and liabilities, whatever they are  
23 in law, where those obligations are not  
24 performed.

25 The word that he uses is a primary

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2 A. (Perusing.) Yes, I see that.

3 Q. You see that, in section ten of the  
4 lease, there is a reference to the surety  
5 having a primary obligation in the terms  
6 contained in Schedule 4.

7 Do you see that?

8 A. I do. I don't think you have quite  
9 phrased it right. You paraphrased it, and not,  
10 I think, accurately, I'm afraid.

11 What it says is, "In consideration  
12 of this demise having been made at its request,  
13 the surety hereby covenants with the landlord,  
14 and as a separate covenant with the management  
15 company, as a primary obligation, in the terms  
16 contained in Schedule 4."

17 That's what it says. I see it says  
18 that.

19 Q. Do you think that it's irrelevant  
20 that the parties chose to use the words  
21 "primary obligation" when referring to Schedule  
22 4?

23 A. Well, I doubt that it was  
24 irrelevant, because one has to assume that when  
25 the parties chose to use the words, they did so

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2 with some kind of purpose in mind.

3 Q. Do you have any explanation for why  
4 they used the words "primary obligation"?

5 A. Well, the first question is whether  
6 the words "as a primary obligation" in clause  
7 ten, which you are showing me, refer to the  
8 surety covenanting with the landlord, or  
9 whether they refer to the separate covenant  
10 with the management company.

11 That ambiguity, to my mind, carries  
12 through to paragraph one of Schedule 4 as well.

13 So picking those words, as you have,  
14 is very interesting, but I'm not sure -- I  
15 personally -- personally not completely clear  
16 whether that's describing the covenant with the  
17 management company or the covenant with the  
18 landlord.

19 Q. Are you saying that you believe that  
20 the words "as a primary obligation" are only  
21 referring to the covenant with the management  
22 company as opposed to the covenant with the  
23 landlord?

24 A. No, I'm not going that far. I'm  
25 saying that it's arguable, at the very least,

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2 of guarantee or indemnity?

3 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

4 A. I personally would ignore the labels  
5 used by the parties unless I really had to have  
6 recourse to them. I don't believe you do.

7 I'm also looking at the lease  
8 because I believe, and I'm sure I quoted it in  
9 my first opinion, there is a provision in the  
10 lease which says that you aren't allowed to  
11 look at the labels.

12 So, in forming my views, I don't  
13 look at the labels, but it is right to say that  
14 when I address Mr. Rabinowitz's opinions,  
15 because he did look at the labels, I had to  
16 form a view about them.

17 Q. Well, beyond the label of paragraph  
18 one, you recognize, do you not, that paragraph  
19 one repeatedly uses the word "indemnify" or  
20 "indemnified," correct?

21 A. Well, paragraph one uses the word  
22 "indemnify" and "keep indemnified." You say  
23 repeatedly. We can read it. It uses it seven  
24 lines down.

25 Q. Yes. Okay. So the fact of the use

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2 of the word "indemnify" and "indemnified,"  
3 would you agree with me that that's relevant,  
4 but not dispositive, in considering whether a  
5 contract is one of indemnity versus guarantee?

6 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

7 A. Yes. I mean, I can't sit here and  
8 say that it's utterly irrelevant to the  
9 question before an English court was, what is  
10 Schedule 4 as a matter of its true  
11 characteristics, properly interpreted,  
12 nobody -- of course, you would look at all the  
13 words, and included in the words are the words  
14 "shall indemnify and keep indemnified." I'm  
15 not going to pretend it's irrelevant.

16 Q. Use of those words would tend to  
17 support an argument that the contract is one of  
18 indemnity, but, in your view, you would need to  
19 look at all the rest of the words in context,  
20 correct?

21 A. No, I don't think it tends to  
22 support the argument one way or the other.  
23 There is part -- hang on.

24 Q. I apologize. I saw you were  
25 continuing, so I stopped.

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2 works and what the words "indemnify" and "keep  
3 indemnified" mean.

4 Q. And is it your view that the words  
5 being used in Schedule 4 are not referring to  
6 an obligation that is being given by way of  
7 security for the performance of an obligation  
8 by another?

9 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

10 A. I do not believe that the words "the  
11 surety shall indemnify and keep indemnified the  
12 landlord and the management company," are -- et  
13 cetera, are words which -- or under which  
14 security is being provided for the performance  
15 of an obligation.

16 My opinion is that paragraph one is  
17 a single composite obligation, and that the  
18 second element of it, following the words "and  
19 the surety shall indemnify" are descriptors,  
20 they describe the extent of the surety's  
21 obligation to make payment, which is imposed  
22 upon him or it under the first part of  
23 paragraph one.

24 Q. If I could ask you to take a look at  
25 paragraph one of Schedule 4, which is marked as

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2 It can actually be used as "or." It can also  
3 be used, and is very commonly used, as a  
4 serializing particle.

5 Q. In either one of those three  
6 different possibilities, conjunctive,  
7 disjunctive or serial, there are multiple  
8 items, at least two, correct?

9 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

10 A. I think the use of the word "and"  
11 isn't going to get you anywhere. You've got to  
12 look at what's being connected.

13 Q. That's my question. What's being  
14 connected?

15 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form, asked  
16 and answered.

17 Q. What's being connected with that  
18 word "and"?

19 A. What's your question?

20 Q. What are the two things or more that  
21 are being connected by the word "and" on the  
22 sixth line of paragraph one of Schedule 4?

23 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form and  
24 asked and answered.

25 A. What's being connected is the

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2 assumption of obligation with the promise, as  
3 it were, as to the extent and manner of  
4 performance of that obligation.

5 Wash the car and don't use the red  
6 soap.

7 Q. So let's take those two pieces. You  
8 said the first is the assumption of the  
9 obligation.

10 What words in paragraph one are the  
11 assumption of obligation?

12 A. The surety hereby covenants. These  
13 are the operative words of assumption of  
14 obligation.

15 Q. I'm sorry. Are you saying that the  
16 words "the surety hereby covenants" all the way  
17 up to the word "specified" before and or --

18 A. It's a slightly sort of an arid  
19 question. I'm sorry to be too critical.

20 But what's the word in that clause  
21 that imposes the obligation on the surety?

22 Well, it's his promise, and that's the word  
23 "covenant," but what he's covenanting to do is  
24 the whole of it.

25 Q. All of it up to the word



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MR. ISAKOFF: Objection.

MR. DE LEEUW: I will restate it,  
because either it got mistranscribed or I  
misstated it, so I will say it again.

A. It sounded like that Groucho Marx  
thing from Night at the Opera, party of the  
first party saying do your best.

Q. Is there any provision in Schedule 4  
or the lease that specifies that what you have  
circled as the second part of paragraph one of  
Schedule 4 can only be read as the extent and  
manner of performance of the first part of  
paragraph one of Schedule 4?

MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.

A. There are no express words in  
paragraph one or Schedule 4 or to the extent  
that I have reread it again, which is not much,  
the lease, which tells you that you have to  
read paragraph one in the way that I believe it  
should be read. But to finish the answer, that  
takes you nowhere.

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provisions where the parties tell you how to  
read it. If the parties were going to do that,  
they would have that in the definitions clause.

MR. ISAKOFF: Are you ready for a  
break? We have been going for about an  
hour and 20 minutes.

THE WITNESS: Sure.

MR. DE LEEUW: That's fine. Why  
don't we take lunch now.

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We are now off  
the record at 12:37 p.m., September 12,  
2013.

(Luncheon recess taken at  
12:37 p.m.)

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2 to copy as much as I could without killing too  
3 many trees, but if ever you believe you need to  
4 actually look at the treatise itself, we have a  
5 copy of it here.

6 A. All right. Thank you very much.

7 Q. Now, can I ask you to turn to page  
8 15 of Exhibit 121?

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. And I'm going to refer to a portion  
11 of this treatise that starts with the very,  
12 very bottom of page 15, the paragraph that  
13 starts, "Indemnity provisions," over in the  
14 last carryover paragraph.

15 Do you see that?

16 A. Yes, I see that.

17 Q. Okay. And you see in the passage  
18 from page 15 to 16, and read any of it you  
19 like, you are referring to a case, Sofaer  
20 versus Anglo Irish Asset Finance.

21 Do you see that?

22 A. Yeah. Yes, I do.

23 Q. And if I can ask you to focus for a  
24 moment on the second clause that's at issue in  
25 the Sofaer decision, which is about the middle

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2 commercially absurd for there to be  
3 coextensivity in the way I've just suggested,  
4 then the answer to that is it's not for me to  
5 say, but guarantees which carry coextensivity  
6 with them are routinely used, as opposed to  
7 indemnities, and if parties, sophisticated  
8 parties like certainly your clients were,  
9 wanted an indemnity, there are plenty of forms  
10 in the book you could reach for to use.

11 Q. Let me give you a hypothetical,  
12 because you've said you haven't looked at the  
13 facts about the commercial context.

14 Hypothetically, if Canary Wharf  
15 negotiated the lease and Schedule 4 with  
16 executives of Lehman in New York, Lehman  
17 Brothers Holdings Inc., and built the building  
18 in Canary Wharf, England, at Lehman Brothers  
19 Holding Inc.'s request, and agreed to enter  
20 into a lease whereby the tenant was named as  
21 LBL, as a convenience for the Lehman group of  
22 companies, would that shape your opinion in any  
23 way whatsoever about what would be the most  
24 commercially sensible reading of paragraph one  
25 of Schedule 4?

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points to it being a guarantee, but that isn't to say that that's always the case, as the next paragraph goes on to explain.

Q. Right. And the next paragraph goes on to explain that the presence of these type of clauses may very well point towards the opposite conclusion?

A. When you say may very well, where did I say that?

Q. You say, "Such a provision may point towards the opposite conclusion, because it may show that it was intended that the liability of the obligor should continue regardless of what might happen to the principal debtor."

A. That's what the text says, yes. The words very well don't appear in there. They appeared in your question, but not in my text.

Q. You would agree with me that the presence of paragraph 6(d) and 6(g) may show that it was intended that the liability of the obligor should continue regardless of what might happen to the principal debtor.

A. Well, you can't discount that, no.

Q. Could I ask you to turn to paragraph

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2 for what period, and which of those were for  
3 administrative expense versus just an unsecured  
4 claim?

5 A. That is correct. That's what I said  
6 before, and I'm proceeding on a number of  
7 different assumptions or hypotheses as to what  
8 those were.

9 Q. You don't read what O'Donovan and  
10 Phillips say in their treatise, which has been  
11 marked as Exhibit 122, as saying that -- excuse  
12 me.

13 A. 122 is right.

14 Q. 122. You don't read that paragraph  
15 688 as saying that if you release a portion of  
16 the entire debt outstanding on the principal  
17 contract, that does not operate as a full  
18 discharge of the surety?

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20 There's too many negatives.

21 Q. Do you read the O'Donovan and  
22 Phillips treatise, which has been marked as  
23 Exhibit 122, paragraph 688, as saying that if  
24 the release is only of a portion of the entire  
25 debt outstanding under the principal contract,

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2 then there will not be a full discharge of the  
3 surety?

4 A. Well, I can see what it says. I  
5 don't disagree with -- I don't disagree, in the  
6 short time you have given me to look at it,  
7 necessarily with its conclusions, although I  
8 have to go and look at the cases which are  
9 referred to. They're Australian.

10 And, of course, as I said before,  
11 this is an English edition of what is actually  
12 an Australian publication. This bit of it  
13 seems to be highly Australian, if you look at  
14 it, if you look at footnote 209, but it seems  
15 to me that's a million miles away from this  
16 case, not only because there was no release of  
17 a portion of a debt anyway under the forfeiture  
18 letter, but, secondly, and perhaps more  
19 importantly for the purposes of answering your  
20 question, the release in the forfeiture letter  
21 wasn't a complete release.

22 The forfeiture letter did not say to  
23 LBL, oh, don't worry, you don't have to pay any  
24 rent at all during the time when the  
25 administrators were in occupation. The

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2 you have to read the beginning of the paragraph  
3 together, is that -- that "any other act,  
4 omission, matter or thing whatsoever, but for  
5 this provision, the surety would be exonerated,  
6 either wholly in part" --

7 MR. ISAKOFF: It says it "or in  
8 part."

9 Q. Excuse me, "other than release, as  
10 set forth in that parenthetical, shall release,  
11 discharge or any way lessen or affect the  
12 liability of the surety under this lease,"  
13 correct?

14 A. Right. That's what the words, with  
15 that correction, say.

16 Q. Read, as the words appear on the  
17 page, you would agree that the material  
18 variation to which you point to in the  
19 forfeiture letter would not release, discharge  
20 or in any way lessen or affect the liability of  
21 LBHI?

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23 A. Well, the words on the page do do  
24 that, but I would ask -- I think an English  
25 judge would look at these, and following the



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2 West Horndon, example of the case in West  
3 Horndon, say, well, none of -- say this is very  
4 strange, none of the following or any  
5 combination shall release, discharge or in any  
6 way lessen or affect the liability of the  
7 surety, anything, dot, dot, dot, any other act  
8 or omission or thing whatsoever.

9 In other words, carte blanche,  
10 anything and everything which you could ever  
11 think of by which the surety would be  
12 exonerated, either wholly or in part, isn't  
13 going to run. Now, that's, to my mind -- it  
14 makes sense as a matter of grammar. The court  
15 could apply it as a matter of grammar, but my  
16 point is that, as a matter of law, courts -- or  
17 approach, courts don't, because they say that's  
18 carte blanche, you can't have carte blanche.

19 Q. Wouldn't the carte blanche that  
20 you're referring to mean that if, in fact,  
21 Schedule 4 was a guarantee, paragraph 6(g)  
22 would, in effect, make it an indemnity with  
23 respect to any variation of the underlying  
24 obligation?

25 MR. ISAKOFF: Object to form.